

Greene: Matt Steves, Linton-Stockton Jr. HS, and Laura Bartlow, Calvary Christian School.

Hamilton: Brett Finkelmeier and Claire Harwood, Carmel Jr. HS.

Hancock: Curtis Merlau, Greenfield Middle School.

Hendricks: Chris Beard and Jana Emmelman, Kingsway Christian School.

Henry: Brian Butler and Amy Wenning, Tri Jr. HS.

Howard: Eric Talbert and Rachele Carter, Western Jr. HS.

Huntington: Heather Meitzler, Huntington Catholic School.

Jackson: Ryan Hirtzel and Laura Kilpatrick, Seymour Middle School.

Jasper: Jason Simmons and Amy Streitmatter, Rensselaer Middle School.

Jay: Aaron Poole and Shannon Rines, East Jay Middle School.

Knox: Martha Vance, North Knox Jr. HS.

Lake: Matt Trocha, DeMotte Christian School, and Stephanie Strnatka, St. Michael School.

Madison: Aron Brown and Alison Denny, Southside Middle School.

Marion: Aaron Nees and Tracy Horan, St. Jude School.

Monroe: Brandon Petesch, Batchelor Middle School.

Morgan: Matt Gegg and Marina Nicholson, Mooresville Christian Academy.

Posey: Kelley Clem, North Posey Jr. HS.

Rush: Greg Rennekamp, Benjamin Rush Middle School.

St. Joseph: Michael Chartier, St. Matthew Cathedral School, and Anne LaFree, Jackson Middle School.

Scott: Jonathan Raichel and Christa Dismore, Austin Middle School.

Spencer: Matt Kaufman and Breanna Faulkenberg, Heritage Hills Middle School.

Starke: Eric Jensen and Andrea Bastin, Oregon-Davis Jr. HS.

Vanderburgh: Chris Mutschler, St. James School.

Vermillion: Jason Allen and Elisha Marie Chancey, North Vermillion Jr. HS.

Wabash: Cody White and Erica Grossman, Northfield Jr. HS.

Warrick: Nathan Rice and Lynn Fletcher, Boonville Jr. HS.

Washington: Casey Nesmith and Casey Parker, West Washington Jr. HS.

Wayne: Timothy Mosley and Kaitlin Vaughn, Centerville Jr. HS.

Wells: Nathan Meyer and Janelle Meyer, Bethlehem Lutheran School.●

PASSING OF JOHN M. EISENBERG

● Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, John Eisenberg, director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, AHRQ, succumbed to a brain tumor this past Sunday. Although John had battled his illness for months, his death was a disturbing shock to many. He had done so much to improve healthcare in this Nation, and I know there was much more he wanted to do. Still, John leaves a legacy—both professional and personal—so large that it cannot and will not be forgotten.

John Eisenberg was an outstanding public servant. He did not play partisan politics. Nor could he be corrupted by power. Simply put, he was passionate about people. It was his mission to improve the quality of health care in America. He dedicated his life to that mission as the director of the Agency for Healthcare Research

and Quality, as a founder of the Congressional Physician Payment Review Commission, and as a member and leader of countless other societies, associations, and institutes. For John, public service was more than his job; it was his life's calling, which he answered with distinction and excellence.

I consider myself privileged to have worked with John Eisenberg for many years and on many issues. He taught me so much not just about improving the quality of healthcare, but about being a leader by transforming the way people think about issues and institutions. I know he had an impact on leaders in all branches of government, and men and women at all levels of government respected him. And as for the medical community: John was one of them. I have heard this often and, even with the event of his passing, I still hear it today.

As a physician, John Eisenberg saved the lives of many. As a leader, he enhanced the lives of millions. As a friend, he touched the lives of us all. The largeness of his life and legacy will endure in our memories and warm our hearts for many years to come. John Eisenberg will be known as more than one of the good ones, but one of the best there ever was and ever will be.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:23 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2146. An act to amend title 18 of the United States Code to provide life imprisonment for repeat offenders who commit sex offenses against children.

MESSAGES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2146. An act to amend title 18 of the United States Code to provide life imprisonment for repeat offenders who commit sex offenses against children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5733. A communication from the Assistant Director, Office of General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inmate Personal Property" ((RIN1120-AA46) (64 FR 36750)) received on March 14, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5734. A communication from the Director of the Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption Amendments Under 18 U.S.C. 208(b)(2)" (RIN3209-AA09) re-

ceived on March 14, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5735. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report on the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5736. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulate" (22 CFR Parts 22, 41, 42, and 51) received on March 14, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5737. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling 2002-3" received on March 12, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5738. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Check the Box Regulations, section 301.77701-3" ((RIN1545-AY16) (TD 8970)) received on March 12, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5739. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waiver of Certain Accuracy-Related Penalties Upon Disclosure of Tax Shelter" (Ann. 2002-2, 2002-2 IRB) received on March 12, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5740. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirement Relating to Certain Exchanges Involving a Foreign Corporation" ((TD 8938) (LR-230-76)) received on March 13, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5741. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Average of Farm Income" ((RIN1545-AW05) (TD 8972)) received on March 13, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5742. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dollar-Value LIFO Regulations; Inventory Price Index Computation Method" (RIN1545-AX20) received on March 13, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

The following nominations were discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions pursuant to the order of March 15, 2002:

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Maribeth McGinley, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006.

Amy Apfel Kass, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Andrew Ladis, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006.

Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006.